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SUBJ: MINISTER OF STATE HUSAIN'S INTERVIEW

REF: A. AMMAN 5241; B. AMMAN 5239

1. GOK MINSTATE, ABDUL AZIZ HUSAIN, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
SEPT 30. FOLLOWING ARE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS:

2. RE GOK PARTICIPATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH OIL COMPANIES, HUSAIN
SAID, "IT IS EXPECTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL COMMENCE WITHIN THE
NEXT FEW DAYS BUT KUWAITIS' OIL PARTICIPATION SHARE WHETHER IT
BE 51 PERCENT, OR HIGHER OR LOWER, HAS NOT BEEN DEFINED SO
FAR."

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RE KUWAIT'S INTENTION TO PURCHASE
LANDS OFFERED FOR SALE IN JERUSALEM, HUSAIN SAID THE PROJECT
REQUIRED PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN ONE ARAB COUNTRY. "IT IS
RATHER DIFFICULT FOR KUWAIT ALONE TO CARRY OUT THIS MISSION,"

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HE SAID.

4. RE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER AL-RIFAWQYS STATEMENT ABOUT KUWAITI FINANCIAL AID TO JORDAM, HUSAIN SAID, "SO FAR KUWAIT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS MATTER REMAINS UNCHANGED. THE EDUCATION MINISTER JASIMHAT-MARZOUQ HAD EARLIER CLARIFIED THIS POSITION THAT KUWAIT'S POLICY IS QUITE CLEAR AND FIRM. KUWAIT'S AID TO JORDAN IS GOVERNED BY THE RETURN OF THE COMMANDOS TO JORDAN."

5. COMMENT: HUSAIN'S COMMENTS TEND TO PUT KUWAIT LAND PURCHASE SCHEME AND AID TO JORDAN IN PERSPECTIVE. IT APPEARS THAT FORMER PLAN IS NOT YET THOROUGHLY THOUGHT OUT AND WILL REQUIRE NEGOTIATION WITH OTHER ARAB STATES BEFORE IT IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED. STATEMENT RE GOK AID TO JORDAN IS CLEAR STATEMENT OF GOK POLICY. STOLTZFUS

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